

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A combination comprising:  
a permeable facemask having a periphery ~~designed~~ formed to abut a ~~persons~~ user's face; and  
a tri-dimensional ~~breathable~~ permeable filtering material ~~having an electrostatic charge thereacross~~  
affixed to said periphery of said facemask to sit between said periphery of said facemask and a face of a  
user thereby filling any space that may exist there between ; ~~said tri-dimensional breathable material~~  
~~attached to said periphery of said facemask to form a filtering closure.~~
2. (Currently amended) The combination as in claim 1 wherein said tri-dimensional ~~breathable~~  
permeable filtering material includes an active agent incorporated therein.
3. (Currently amended) The combination as in claim 1 wherein said tri-dimensional ~~breathable~~  
permeable filtering material comprises a porous dielectric carrier.
4. (Previously presented) The combination as in claim 3 wherein said porous dielectric carrier is a non-woven material.
5. (Previously presented) The combination as in claim 3 wherein said porous dielectric carrier is a fiber based material having a fibrous matrix structure.
6. (Previously presented) The combination as in claim 3 wherein said porous dielectric carrier is a sponge like material have an open cell matrix structure.
7. (Currently amended) The combination as in claim 2 wherein said active agent is ~~chosen~~ selected from the group consisting of metals and chemical compounds.

8. (Previously presented) The combination as in claim 2 wherein said active agent is an iodinated resin.
9. (Currently amended) A combination comprising:  
a permeable facemask having a periphery ~~designed~~ formed to abut a ~~persons~~ user's face; and  
a tri-dimensional ~~breathable~~ permeable filtering material having an active agent incorporated therein  
affixed to said periphery of said facemask to sit between said periphery of said facemask and a face of a  
user thereby filling any space that may exist there between; ~~said tri-dimensional breathable material~~  
~~attached to said periphery of said facemask to form a filtering closure.~~
10. (Currently amended) The combination as in claim 9 wherein said tri-dimensional ~~breathable~~  
permeable filtering material includes an electrostatic charge thereacross.
11. (Currently amended) The combination as in claim 9 wherein said tri-dimensional ~~breathable~~  
permeable filtering material comprises a porous dielectric carrier.
12. (Previously presented) The combination as in claim 11 wherein said porous dielectric carrier is a non-woven material.
13. (Previously presented) The combination as in claim 11 wherein said porous dielectric carrier is a fiber based material having a fibrous matrix structure.
14. (Previously presented) The combination as in claim 11 wherein said porous dielectric carrier is a sponge like material have an open cell matrix structure.
15. (Currently amended) The combination as in claim 10 wherein said active agent is ~~chosen~~  
selected from the group consisting of metals and chemical compounds.
16. (Previously presented) The combination as in claim 10 wherein said active agent is an iodinated resin.

17. (New) The combination of claim 1 wherein said tri-dimensional permeable filtering material includes an electrostatic charge thereacross.